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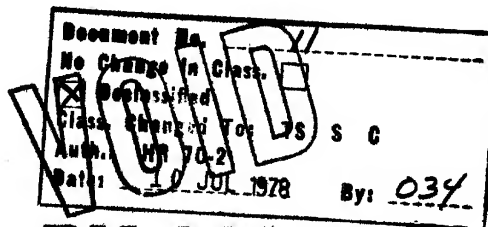
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1. American and ROK prisoners of war were seen on a Pyongyang street on 27 August. There is rumor current among North Korean troops in Pyongyang that UN prisoners of war are being held in the former regimental camp of the NKPA 1 Division at Kaechon (125-58, 39-40).
2. After mid-July, most North Korean troops occupying Seoul had 10,000 to 20,000 yen each on their persons. There was a rumor among Seoul citizens that this currency was supplied from bank accounts frozen by order of the NKPA authorities. When Seoul shops were ordered re-opened, the troops purchased most of the precious metals and other small valuable commodities. Seoul citizens believe that the North Korean troops were directed on 12 September to purchase all such commodities remaining on the market.

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